

RemarksAmendments to the Claims

The claims have been amended, as indicated above. The amendments to the indicated claims has been presented in accordance with the proposed revisions to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as set forth in 1267 OG 106 (25 February 2003). No new matter has been introduced through the amending of the claims.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-7, 8-15, 17, and 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Saruta et al. In view of Dewar et al. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 1-15, 17, and 32-39 have been cancelled, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, the Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.


The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 18-31. As discussed above, Claims 1-15, 17, and 32-39 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and now may be passed to issue forth with. A holding to this effect is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney during normal Mountain Time Zone business hours.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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